

SPORT FISHING

Emergency Order

ALASKA DEPARTMENT
OF FISH & GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. 2-KS-7-15-04

Issued at: Homer, Wednesday, July 14,
2004

Effective Date: 12:01 a.m., Friday, July 16, 2004

Expiration Date: 11:59 p.m., Friday
December 31, 2004, unless superseded by
subsequent emergency order.

EXPLANATION:

This emergency order rescinds Emergency Order 2-KS-7-03-04 which opened the Ninilchik River to fishing for hatchery king salmon 7 days per week. Regulations concerning the Ninilchik River sport fisheries are reinstated. Fishing for both hatchery and wild king salmon 20 inches or longer in the Ninilchik River is now closed. King salmon under 20 inches in total length may be retained and the daily bag and possession limit for small kings is 10 per day/10 in possession. The one single hook requirement for the Ninilchik River is also rescinded. The Ninilchik River is currently open to fishing from its terminus in saltwater to a department regulatory marker located approximately 2 miles upstream. This emergency order is effective 12:01 a.m., Friday, July 16, 2004.

REGULATION:

Emergency Order number 2-KS-7-03-04 is rescinded.

Kevin C. Duffy,
Commissioner



By delegation to:

Nicole J. Szarzi,
Area Management Biologist

JUSTIFICATION:

A significant number of king salmon is no longer present in the area of the Ninilchik River open to sport fishing, as the end of their migration approaches. Consequently, it is no longer justified to provide opportunity by emergency order to harvest king salmon 20 inches or longer of hatchery origin. With the closure of the king salmon fishery, it is no longer necessary to restrict sport fishing gear to the use of one single hook only because anglers are prohibited from targeting king salmon.

DISTRIBUTION:

The distribution list for this emergency order is on file at the Region 2 Office of Alaska Department of Fish and Game, Division of Sport Fish, 333 Raspberry Road, Anchorage, AK 99518, (907) 267-2218.